

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Lopez de Cardenas et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425

Serial No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

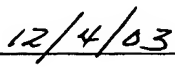
For: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Fee Calculation Sheet (in duplicate) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 335 954 045 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Joanne Hyland


Date

Joanne C. Hyland
Schlumberger Technology Corporation
14910 Airline Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583-1590

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lopez de Cardenas et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425

Serial No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

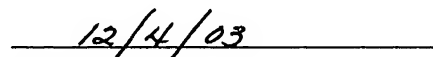
For: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 335 954 045 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Joanne Hyland


Date

Joanne C. Hyland
Schlumberger Technology Corporation
14910 Airline Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583-1590

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lopez de Cardenas et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425

Serial No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:


Examiner:

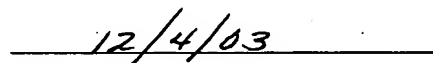
For: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Power of Attorney is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 335 954 045 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Joanne Hyland


Date

Joanne C. Hyland
Schlumberger Technology Corporation
14910 Airline Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583-1590

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lopez de Cardenas et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425

Serial No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:

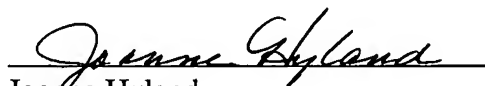
Examiner:

For: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 335 954 045 US in an envelope addressed to:
Mail Stop: Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Joanne Hyland

12/4/03
Date

Joanne C. Hyland
Schlumberger Technology Corporation
14910 Airline Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583-1590

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lopez de Cardenas et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425

Serial No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

For: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that these drawings are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 335 954 045 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Joanne Hyland

12/4/03

Date

Joanne C. Hyland
Schlumberger Technology Corporation
14910 Airline Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583-1590

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL				Complete if Known																																																																																																																																																																					
For FY 2003																																																																																																																																																																									
<i>Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</i>																																																																																																																																																																									
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		\$1180		Application Number																																																																																																																																																																					
				Filing Date																																																																																																																																																																					
				First Named Inventor		Lopez de Cardenas et al.																																																																																																																																																																			
				Group Art Unit																																																																																																																																																																					
				Examiner Name																																																																																																																																																																					
				Attorney Docket Number		68.0425																																																																																																																																																																			
METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check all that apply)				FEE CALCULATION (continued)																																																																																																																																																																					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to: Deposit Account Number: 50-0457 Deposit Account Name: Schlumberger Technology Corp. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17				3. ADDITIONAL FEES <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Large Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Small Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Description</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>105</td><td>130</td><td>205</td><td>65</td><td>Surcharge - late filing fee or oath</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>127</td><td>50</td><td>227</td><td>25</td><td>Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>139</td><td>130</td><td>139</td><td>130</td><td>Non-English specification</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>147</td><td>2,520</td><td>147</td><td>2,520</td><td>For filing a request for reexamination</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>112</td><td>920*</td><td>112</td><td>920*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>113</td><td>1840*</td><td>113</td><td>1840*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>115</td><td>110</td><td>215</td><td>55</td><td>Extension for response within first month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>116</td><td>380</td><td>216</td><td>190</td><td>Extension for response within second month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>117</td><td>870</td><td>217</td><td>435</td><td>Extension for response within third month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>118</td><td>1,360</td><td>218</td><td>680</td><td>Extension for response within fourth month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>128</td><td>1,850</td><td>228</td><td>925</td><td>Extension for response within fifth month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>119</td><td>300</td><td>219</td><td>150</td><td>Notice of Appeal</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>120</td><td>300</td><td>220</td><td>150</td><td>Filing a brief in support of an appeal</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>121</td><td>260</td><td>221</td><td>130</td><td>Request for oral hearing</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>138</td><td>1,510</td><td>138</td><td>1,510</td><td>Petition to institute a public use proceeding</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>140</td><td>110</td><td>240</td><td>55</td><td>Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>141</td><td>1,210</td><td>241</td><td>605</td><td>Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>142</td><td>1,210</td><td>242</td><td>605</td><td>Utility issue fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>143</td><td>430</td><td>243</td><td>215</td><td>Design issue fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>144</td><td>580</td><td>244</td><td>290</td><td>Plant issue fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>122</td><td>130</td><td>122</td><td>130</td><td>Petition to Commissioner</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>123</td><td>50</td><td>123</td><td>50</td><td>Petitions related to provisional applications</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>126</td><td>240</td><td>126</td><td>240</td><td>Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>581</td><td>40</td><td>581</td><td>40</td><td>Recording each patent assignment property (times number of properties)</td><td>\$40</td></tr> <tr><td>146</td><td>760</td><td>246</td><td>380</td><td>Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>149</td><td>760</td><td>249</td><td>380</td><td>For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Large Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.		139	130	139	130	Non-English specification		147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination		112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		113	1840*	113	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month		116	380	216	190	Extension for response within second month		117	870	217	435	Extension for response within third month		118	1,360	218	680	Extension for response within fourth month		128	1,850	228	925	Extension for response within fifth month		119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal		120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing		138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application		141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application		142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee		143	430	243	215	Design issue fee		144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee		122	130	122	130	Petition to Commissioner		123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications		126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment property (times number of properties)	\$40	146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))		149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
Large Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																				
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath																																																																																																																																																																					
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.																																																																																																																																																																					
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification																																																																																																																																																																					
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination																																																																																																																																																																					
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																					
113	1840*	113	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																					
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month																																																																																																																																																																					
116	380	216	190	Extension for response within second month																																																																																																																																																																					
117	870	217	435	Extension for response within third month																																																																																																																																																																					
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for response within fourth month																																																																																																																																																																					
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for response within fifth month																																																																																																																																																																					
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal																																																																																																																																																																					
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal																																																																																																																																																																					
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing																																																																																																																																																																					
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding																																																																																																																																																																					
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application																																																																																																																																																																					
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application																																																																																																																																																																					
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee																																																																																																																																																																					
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee																																																																																																																																																																					
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee																																																																																																																																																																					
122	130	122	130	Petition to Commissioner																																																																																																																																																																					
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications																																																																																																																																																																					
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt																																																																																																																																																																					
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment property (times number of properties)	\$40																																																																																																																																																																				
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))																																																																																																																																																																					
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))																																																																																																																																																																					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other																																																																																																																																																																									
FEE CALCULATION																																																																																																																																																																									
1. BASIC FILING FEE <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Large Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Small Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Fee Description</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1001</td><td>770</td><td>201 385 Utility filing fee</td><td>\$770</td></tr> <tr><td>1002</td><td>310</td><td>206 155 Design filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1003</td><td>480</td><td>207 240 Plant Filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1004</td><td>760</td><td>208 380 Reissue filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1005</td><td>160</td><td>214 75 Provisional filing fee</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid	1001	770	201 385 Utility filing fee	\$770	1002	310	206 155 Design filing fee		1003	480	207 240 Plant Filing fee		1004	760	208 380 Reissue filing fee		1005	160	214 75 Provisional filing fee																																																																																																																																															
Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																						
1001	770	201 385 Utility filing fee	\$770																																																																																																																																																																						
1002	310	206 155 Design filing fee																																																																																																																																																																							
1003	480	207 240 Plant Filing fee																																																																																																																																																																							
1004	760	208 380 Reissue filing fee																																																																																																																																																																							
1005	160	214 75 Provisional filing fee																																																																																																																																																																							
SUBTOTAL (1) \$770																																																																																																																																																																									
2. EXTRA CLAIMS <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Claims</th> <th>Extra</th> <th>Fee from below</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>31 -20 = 11</td> <td></td> <td>\$ 18.00</td> <td>\$198</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims: 5 -3 = 2</td> <td></td> <td>\$86.00</td> <td>\$172</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Multiple Dependent Claims</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid	31 -20 = 11		\$ 18.00	\$198	Independent Claims: 5 -3 = 2		\$86.00	\$172	Multiple Dependent Claims																																																																																																																																																									
Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																						
31 -20 = 11		\$ 18.00	\$198																																																																																																																																																																						
Independent Claims: 5 -3 = 2		\$86.00	\$172																																																																																																																																																																						
Multiple Dependent Claims																																																																																																																																																																									
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Large Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Small Entity Fee Code</th> <th>Fee Description</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1202</td><td>18</td><td>2202 9 Claims in excess of 20</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1201</td><td>86</td><td>2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1203</td><td>290</td><td>2203 145 Multiple dependent claims</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1204</td><td>84</td><td>2204 39 **Reissue independent claims over original patent</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1205</td><td>18</td><td>2205 9 **Reissue claim in excess of 20 and over original patent</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid	1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20		1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3		1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claims		1204	84	2204 39 **Reissue independent claims over original patent		1205	18	2205 9 **Reissue claim in excess of 20 and over original patent																																																																																																																																															
Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																						
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20																																																																																																																																																																							
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3																																																																																																																																																																							
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claims																																																																																																																																																																							
1204	84	2204 39 **Reissue independent claims over original patent																																																																																																																																																																							
1205	18	2205 9 **Reissue claim in excess of 20 and over original patent																																																																																																																																																																							
SUBTOTAL(2) \$370																																																																																																																																																																									
SUBTOTAL(3) \$40																																																																																																																																																																									
**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above				*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																					
SUBMITTED BY				Complete (if applicable)																																																																																																																																																																					
Typed or Printed Name		Jeffrey E. Griffin		Reg. Number		36,534																																																																																																																																																																			
Signature				Deposit Account User ID																																																																																																																																																																					

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Please type a plus sign (+) in this box → ☐

PTO/SB/05 (08-03)
Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53 (b))</i>		Attorney Docket No.: 68.0425	
		First Named Inventor or Application Identifier: Lopez de Cardenas et al.	
		Title: Real Time Optimization Of Well Production Without Creating Undue Risk Of Formation Instability	
		Express Mail Label No.: EV 335 954 045 US	
APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.		Mail Stop: Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and duplicate for fee processing)</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages: 15]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Descriptive title of the Invention- Cross Reference to Related Applications- Statement Regarding Fed-sponsored R & D- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix- Background of the Invention- Brief Summary of the Invention- Brief Descriptions of the Drawings (if filed)- Detailed Description- Claim(s)- Abstract of the Disclosure <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets: 6]</p> <p>4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 5]</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p>		<p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies</p>	
ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS			
<p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment papers (cover sheet & document(s))</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable)</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/Form 1449 Citations</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C.122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>			
<p>16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____/_____</p> <p>Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group/Art Unit: _____</p> <p>For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.</p>			
17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Customer Number or Bar Code Label		(Insert customer No. or Attach bar code label here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below			
NAME		Jeffrey E. Griffin	
ADDRESS		Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Schlumberger Reservoir Completions	
CITY		14910 Airline Road	
COUNTRY		P.O. Box 1590	
STATE		Rosharon	
ZIP CODE		Texas	
TELEPHONE		(281) 285-5720	
FAX		(281) 285-5537	
Name (Print/Type)		Jeffrey E. Griffin	
Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent): 36,534	
Date: 12/4/03			

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.